Brownfields 2017 Area-Wide Planning Grant Fact Sheet

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through competitive grant programs for brownfields site assessment, site cleanup, revolving loan funds, area-wide planning, and job training. Additional funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program

EPA's Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program assists communities in responding to local brownfields challenges, particularly where multiple brownfield sites are in close proximity, connected by infrastructure, and limit the economic, environmental and social prosperity of their surroundings. This program enhances EPA's core brownfields assistance programs by providing grant funding to communities so they can perform the research needed to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategies for brownfields assessment, cleanup, and reuse. The resulting area-wide plans provide direction for future brownfields area improvements that are protective of public health and the environment, economically viable, and reflective of the community's vision for the area.

Project Description

$200,000.00

EPA has selected the University of South Florida as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant recipient. The University of South Florida will work with the community and other stakeholders to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategy for the University Area Community (UAC). Located on the north site of Tampa, the UAC is an underserved residential and commercial community containing several brownfields or potential brownfields. The catalyst site for this project is Harvest Hope Park, a seven-acre parcel with potential to be redeveloped into a community center. The project will build on existing planning activities that the community has already developed, including housing rehabilitation, new business creation, increased access to health services, and improved recreation opportunities. Project activities will include community engagement, local capacity building, and an economic market analysis. The area-wide plan will support the reuse of critical infrastructure in the project area and at the catalyst site, create greenspace, and promote sustainable and equitable development in the community. Key partners who will work with the University of South Florida on this project include the Florida Brownfields Association, Mort Elementary School, Environmental Protection Commission and City-County Planning Commission of Hillsborough County, University Area Community Development Corporation, and various schools within the University of South Florida.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and

links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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